

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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Mr. Richard Blubaugh Regulatory Affairs Manager 743 Horizon Court, St. #202 Grand Junction, Colorado 81506

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

Re: Four Corners, Probe, Snow, Revegetation/Reclamation Plans, M/015/014, M/015/011, M/015/013, Emery County, Utah

In response to our telephone conversation of July 5, 1988, I'm writing a short summary of our discussion. I indicated that I had found nothing in our files where Atlas had committed to a final seed mix, or soil amending procedure, to be used at reclamation, so that the question still remained as to what will be implemented on the above sites.

After reading the Morrison-Knudsen (M-K) 1982, study on Reclamation of Uranium Mined Lands in Utah and Colorado, I was impressed with their recommendations. If Atlas chooses to follow the M-K recommendations for the reclamation of these Salt Desert-Shrubland types of sites, the Division holds no objection.

Please let us know prior to reclamation, which I assume would be this fall of 88, whether Atlas chooses to follow the M-K approach or not.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd

Soils Reclamation Specialist

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